

Sick leave for school employees
(SB 619 by Truan/Eckels)

DIGEST: SB 619 would have extended teacher sick leave policy to all school district employees. School districts could have limited the accumulation of sick leave above 20 days by paraprofessional and auxiliary employees. The bill would not have allowed paraprofessionals and auxiliary employees to transfer sick leave among districts, as teachers may.

GOVERNOR'S
REASON
FOR VETO:

Sick leave policy is a local issue, and the Legislature should not interfere with local district business by mandating sick leave policy for non-teaching personnel.

RESPONSE:

Sen. Carlos Truan, the author of SB 619, said he was most disappointed at the governor's veto. Sen. Truan said the bill was an "opportunity to provide a small fringe benefit to the people who are the backbone of our school system, next to teachers." The senator said he was not surprised at the governor's action, considering that the governor had vetoed a similar bill two years ago, although he had hoped for a change of heart.

NOTES:

SB 619 passed the House on the Consent Calendar and was not analyzed in a Daily Floor Report.